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SUBJECT: SECURITY PROTECTION AFFORDED PUBLIC-ACCESS AREAS AT
OVERSEAS POSTS

REF: STATE 210312

1. AT MY DIRECTION THE EMBASSY SECURITY COMMITTEE HAS CONDUCTED A THOROUGH REVIEW OF OUR SECURITY PROGRAM AND PRACTICES WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON MEASURES AVAILABLE TO IMPROVE SECURITY OF PUBLIC-ACCESS AREAS. WE ARE IN THE FORTUNATE POSITION OF BEING RELATIVELY LESS THREATENED BY ORGANIZED TERRORISTS HERE THAN ARE MANY OTHER EMBASSIES. NEVERTHELESS, THE POSSIBILITY OF RANDOM TERRORISM MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN OUR PLANNING. WE HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE VIEWS OF THE EMPLOYEES OF OUR CONSULAR AND PRESS AND CULTURE SECTIONS WHO WORK IN THE RELATIVELY MORE EXPOSED GROUND-FLOOR AREAS, AND THE MEASURES THE SECURITY COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED STRIKE A BALANCE BETWEEN PERSONAL SECURITY OF THE EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DESIRE THAT THE PUBLIC HAVE A DEGREE OF ACCESS TO THE EMBASSY WHICH WILL PERMIT THESE TWO SECTIONS TO FUNCTION EFFICIENTLY.

2. THE COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED 19 SPECIFIC MEASURES

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WHICH WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING AND WHICH

WILL BE MADE PART OF OUR SECURITY PROGRAM.
MOST OF THESE INVOLVE THE INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL
SIMPLEX LOCKS AND ELECTRICAL BUZZER SYSTEMS. IN
ADDITION, WE HOPE TO INSTALL A FOOT-OPERATED CIRCUIT
BREAKER AT THE MARINE GUARD DESK TO DEACTIVATE EMBASSY
ELEVATORS. IT WILL BE DESIGNED SO THAT THE ELEVATORS
CAN BE PUT BACK IN ACTION ONLY BY RECLOSING THE CIRCUIT
BREAKER LOCATED ABOVE THE GROUND FLOOR. OUR REGIONAL
SECURITY OFFICER IS PREPARING A FULL REPORT ON THESE
NEW MEASURES AND WILL SUBMIT IT THROUGH HIS OWN
CHANNELS. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE CHANGES PROPOSED WILL
NOT REQUIRE AN INCREASE IN THE POST BUDGET.

3. I HAVE URGED THE EMBASSY EMPLOYEES TO GIVE OUR
PHYSICAL-SECURITY PROGRAM CONTINUING ATTENTION AND TO
MAKE SUGGESTIONS FOR ITS IMPROVEMENT TO ME OR THE DCM THROUGH THE RSO.
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